

**What is claimed is:**

1           1. A video signal apparatus, comprising:  
2           at least two tuners receiving a program;  
3           a viewing restricting portion detecting a discretionary control data of the program  
4 received through one of the tuners and blocking AGC signals of the tuner receiving the  
5 program when the discretionary control data is greater than a discretionary threshold; and  
6           a control portion blocking AFT signals of the other tuners when the viewing of the  
7 program received by the receiving tuner is restricted.

1           2. The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 1, further comprised of said  
2 tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive different video signals  
3 corresponding to different programs.

1           3. The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 1, further comprised of said  
2 plurality of tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive identical video  
3 signals corresponding to said program.

1           4. A viewing restricting method for a video signal apparatus, the method comprising:  
2           detecting discretionary control data of the program received through a first tuner of  
3 video signal apparatus of a video signal apparatus comprising a second tuner adjustable  
4 independently of said first tuner to receive video signals simultaneously with said first tuner

5 from any channel selected by said second tuner, a viewing restricting portion and a control  
6 portion;

7 comparing a viewing restricting data installed with a detected data;

8 checking whether there is a recording command through other tuners when a received  
9 data of the program is less than the installed viewing restricting data; and

10 blocking AGC signals of the tuner receiving the program by the viewing restricting  
11 portion when the discretionary control data is greater than a discretionary threshold; and  
12 blocking AFT signals of the second tuner by the control portion when the viewing of the  
13 program received the receiving tuner is restricted.

1 5. A a video signal apparatus, comprising:

2 a plurality of tunable tuners that may be tuned to simultaneously receive video signals  
3 carrying discretionary control data;

4 a first circuit controlling transmission of automatic fine tuning signals to a first one of  
5 said tuners;

6 a second circuit controlling transmission of automatic gain control signals to said  
7 tuners;

8 an input stage accommodating entry of discretionary threshold data selectively  
9 provided by a user;

10 a view restriction stage connected to said tuners to detect said discretionary control data  
11 accompanying video signals received by said first one of said tuners; and

12 a controller coupled to read said discretionary threshold data from said memory and  
13 control application of said automatic fine tuning signals to said plurality of tuners in  
14 dependence upon comparisons between said discretionary control data accompanying video  
15 signals received by said first one of said tuners and said threshold data.

1 6. The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 5, further comprised of said  
2 plurality of tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive different  
3 corresponding said video signals.

1 7. The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 5, further comprised of said  
2 plurality of tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive identical said video  
3 signals.

1 8. The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 5, further comprised of said  
2 controller being connected to control application of said automatic fine tuning signals by said  
3 first circuit to a second one of said tuners in dependence upon a comparison of between said  
4 discretionary control data and said discretionary control data accompanying said video signals  
5 received by said second one of said tuners.

1 9. The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 5, further comprised of said  
2 controller blocking application of said automatic fine tuning to tuners other than said first tuner

when a comparison between said discretionary control data accompanying video signals received by said first one of said tuners and said threshold data indicates that reception of said video signals by said first one of said tuners is restricted.

10. The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 6, further comprised of said controller blocking application of said automatic fine tuning to tuners other than said first tuner when a comparison between said discretionary control data accompanying video signals received by said first one of said tuners and said threshold data indicates that reception of said video signals by said first one of said tuners is restricted.

11. The multi-tuner television receiving apparatus of claim 7, further comprised of said controller blocking application of said automatic fine tuning to tuners other than said first tuner when a comparison between said discretionary control data accompanying video signals received by said first one of said tuners and said threshold data indicates that reception of said video signals by said first one of said tuners is restricted.

12. A video signal apparatus, comprising:  
a tuner that is adjustable to selectively receive video signals representing a program of video images and to receive discretionary control data carried by said video signals; and  
a viewing restricting stage detecting said discretionary control data of the program received through said tuner and blocking automatic gain control signals for said tuner receiving

6 the program when the discretionary control data is greater than a discretionary threshold.

1 13. The video signal apparatus of claim 12, further comprised of an additional tuner,  
2 with said viewing restricting stage blocking AFT signals of the both of said tuners when said  
3 discretionary control data is greater than said discretionary threshold.

1 14. The video signal apparatus of claim 12, further comprised of an additional tuner,  
2 with both of said tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive different video  
3 signals corresponding to different programs.

1 15. The video signal apparatus of claim 12, further comprised of an additional tuner,  
2 with both of said tuners being independently tunable to simultaneously receive identical video  
3 signals corresponding to said program.